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Funds for Krishi Anusandhanshala
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocation made by the Government and utilization of funds for the Vivekanand Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhanshala (VPKAS), ICAR, Almora, Uttarakhand during the last three years, year-wise and project-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware that completion deadlines of several projects under VPKAS have been extended midway during project execution;

(c) if so, the details of such projects along with the reasons for extension of their completion period and the cost overrun thereof, project-wise; and

(d) the details of projects initiated but not completed till date along with the date of initiation and the expected date for its completion and the outcome of the completed projects, project-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (d): The detail of Revised Estimates (RE) and utilization of funds (Rs. in lakhs) for the ICAR-Vivekananda Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan (VPKAS) during the last three years and current year is as follows:

Year	RE	Expenditure
2012-13	213.00	213.00
2013-14	170.00	167.14
2014-15	168.00	168.00
2015-16	330.00	271.65 (till February, 2016)

ICAR-VPKAS being a research institute and research is a continuous process. A number of research projects being carried out to achieve objectives and mandate of the institute from the funding of main scheme. The institute has developed 51 varieties comprising of cereals, oilseeds, pulses and vegetables during 2007 to 2015, along with matching technology for enhancement of livelihood security through sustainable farming systems. This includes the first quality protein maize (QPM) hybrid Vivek QPM 9 in India through molecular breeding, first hybrids of maize (VL Makka 54), onion (VL Piaz 67) and extra early grain and baby corn (VL Makka 42). The only of its kind machine, Vivek thresher-cum-pearler, developed for finger and barnyard millet, that helps in reducing drudgery of the hill women.

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